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REMARKS

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1. On 20 June 1953, 18 tanks were detained at the Halle freight station. A train carrying tanks and the others passed through Merseburg, proceeding toward Halle. The unloading of a troop train, which had come from the direction of Merseburg, was later observed at the Halle freight station. Tanks 2 armored personnel carriers armored scout car 1 tank chassis, motor vehicles and 5 boxcarloads of troops were detained and left for the Luftnachrichten Kaserne. On 25 June, 5 T-43 tanks, including 1 JS-2 tank were entrained at the freight station. On 28 June, 35 T-43 tanks and 1 SU-100 gun were entrained at the freight station and left toward Erfurt. 1 At 5 a.m. on 1 July, armored personnel carriers; 58 soldiers and motor vehicles were detained at the freight station: 50X1-HUM

On 5 July, 3 T-43 tanks and 2 SU-100 guns were detained at the freight station. On 18 July, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne was partially occupied. About 300 troops, mostly wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were observed at training at squad level.

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2. From 11 to 14 July, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne was partially occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets. Noises of tank engines were heard from the installation. Motor vehicles [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] were seen en route to the installation.
3. Between 17 and 30 June, the occupation of the Luftnachrichten Kaserne had temporarily increased. Between 1 and 14 July, only one of the six main buildings of the installation on Heide Allee was occupied to capacity and six windows of one of the other buildings were lighted after nightfall. Six T-34 tanks were seen in the installation. The installation was occupied by an estimated 400 troops wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered crimson epaulets. 2
1. [redacted] Comment. The tanks of the 21st Gds Mecz Div had been transferred to Halle from Lossa. [redacted] three trains with a total of 51 tanks passed through Naumburg. The tanks were employed in the town prior to 27 June. [redacted] On 28 June, they were rather definitely loaded for Lossa. 50X1-HUM
2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] units of the division again transferred to Halle on 1 and 5 July. They were stationed in the Luftnachrichten Kaserne until 18 July. [redacted]

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